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May 5, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Philip L. Browning, Director

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW MODIFIED
CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
UNDER AB 433 – AGENDA #60-E, MAY 19, 2009**

This is to provide you with a report on the implementation of the new Modified Categorical Eligibility (MCE) for the Food Stamp (FS) Program. As you know, the new policy provided for the waiving of resources and assets for Non-Assistance Food Stamp (NAFS) applicant and participant households with children under the age of 18 who meet all other program requirements.

Los Angeles County successfully implemented MCE effective July 1, 2009, as required by Assembly Bill 433. As of February 2010, we have identified 2,322 new Non-Assistance Food Stamp cases as a result of the implementation of MCE.

We continue to work with our advocate and community partners to heighten public awareness regarding MCE and the FS Program in general. In addition, we partnered with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to post 200 bus card advertisements in the interior of buses in the East Los Angeles and San Gabriel bus routes from October 5, 2009 through December 27, 2009.

The Department of Public Social Services is committed to continue its efforts to increase FS participation by enhancing and developing outreach strategies.

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